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SUBJ: ISRAELI RELATIONS WITH KENYA

1. ZEEV DOVER, COUNSELOR AND ISRAELI INTERESTS OFFICER AT DANISH EMBASSY IN NAIROBI, CALLED ON DCM TODAY TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND TO ADVISE EMBASSY OF CURRENT STATE OF ISRAELI RELATIONS WITH KENYA. AFTER KENYA'S BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL IN NOVEMBER 1973, PRESIDENT KENYATTA -- WHO HAD BEEN MOST RELUCTANT TO MAKE BREAK -- QUIETLY INFORMED ISRAELIS THAT HE HOPED THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PRESENCE IN KENYA DESPITE LACK OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EL-AL SUBSEQUENTLY CONTINUED PASSENGER SERVICE TO NAIROBI AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WERE GENERALLY MAINTAINED. ON OFFICIAL PLANE ISRAEL OBTAINED PERMISSION OF DANISH GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN INTERESTS SECTION IN NAIROBI AND KEPT ONE PART-TIME COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND ONE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER UNDER THIS DIPLOMATIC UNBRELLA AFTER BREAK.

2. DOVER SAID HIS APPOINTMENT AND THOSE OF TWO OTHER
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SENIOR ISRAELI FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS TO INTERESTS

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SECTIONS IN IVORY COAST AND GHANA REFLECT POLICY DECISION IN JERUSALEM TO PUT HIGHER PRIORITY ON IMPROVEMENT OF ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN ANTICIPATION THAT FUTURE CHANGES IN MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WILL ENCOURAGE CERTAIN BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

3. DOVER, WHO HAS BEEN IN NAIROBI FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO KEEP VERY LOW PROFILE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS MAKE IT POLITICALLY FEASIBLE FOR KENYANS TO CONSIDER RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE HAS OBTAINED LETTER FROM KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PERMANENT SECRETARY CONFIRMING HIS POSITION AS COUNSELOR AND HEAD OF ISRAELI INTERESTS SECTION IN DANISH EMBASSY, BUT HAS NOT AS YET BEEN GIVEN DIPLOMATIC ID CARD. DOVER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAINTAINING LOW KEY CONTACT WITH THIS EMBASSY.
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